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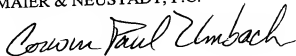
FOR: WATER-SOLUBLE COPOLYMERS OF MONOETHYLENICALLY
UNSATURATED POLYALKYLENE OXIDE MONOMERS AND DIPOLAR
MONOMERS CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE NITROGEN ATOM**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**
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Sir:

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